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| NAME OF MEETING: | Let's Talk Marong |
| WARD: | Lockwood |
| DATE: | Tuesday April 19, 2016 |
| TIME: | 7pm |
| LOCATION: | Marong Public Hall |
| ATTENDEES | |
| COUNCILLORS: | Cr Elise Chapman & Cr Barry Lyons |
| APOLOGIES | Major Cr Rod Fyffe |
| CITY of GREATER BENDIGO EMPLOYEES: | Trevor Budge (Manager Strategy), Aaron Lindsay (Coordinator Public Space Design), Karoline Klein (Landscape Architect), Jo Gibson (Customer Support Officer) |
| COMMUNITY ATTENDEES: | 14 residents signed the attendance sheet |

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| PURPOSE OF NOTES: | Please note the purpose of these notes is to record the information presented, the topics discussed and the details of any works or action requests raised at the meeting. They are not formal minutes. |
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| AGENDA ITEMS | |
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| 1. | Welcome & Introductions |
| 2. | Acknowledgment of Country |
| 3. | Marong Structure Plan |
| 4. | Malone Park Play Space |
| 5. | Information Items |
| TOPICS DISCUSSED | |
| 3. | <p>Marong Structure Plan – Trevor Budge: Two community information sessions were held the previous week and were well attended. The Marong Structure Plan will become a part of the Planning Scheme. The purpose of the Plan is to ensure that facilities keep up with population growth. Information from the sessions is available on the City of Greater Bendigo website (link below) https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/Services/Planning/Strategic_Planning/Current_Projects/Marong_Structure_Plan or by contacting the Strategy Unit on 5434 6000. Establishing a site with a supermarket and shops has been identified by the community as a crucial part of the Plan. The process of including the Marong Structure Plan into the Planning Scheme can be quite long and can take up to two years to be approved for inclusion.</p> <p>Historically the township would be one square mile and that historic boundary remains. The 'township' is zoned residential; the rest of the surrounding area is zoned farming. The Marong Plan 2011 was prepared and adopted to generally guide development.</p> <p>No plans for an additional supermarket in Marong have been submitted to Council. Maiden Gully and Marong do not have the population currently to support a major supermarket such as a Coles or Woolworths.</p> <p>Another plan currently being developed is the Development Contribution Plan. This plan will determine how much a Developer has to pay to contribute to the infrastructure to support the level of development.</p> |

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| 4. | <p>Malone Park Play Space - Aaron Lindsay and Karoline Klein:</p> <p>The Malone Park Playground has come up for renewal and a draft plan has been available for comment. The draft plan has been displayed at the Post Office, the Community house, the General Store, the Primary School and the Kindergarten. A meeting has also been held with the Marong Progress Association.</p> <p>The Malone Park Playspace is classified as a 'Local Playspace' and currently the plans are for a small combination unit, a large shelter, two picnic tables and a community shelter with a BBQ. The existing community shelter is not compliant with current standards and as such will be removed in the near to medium future. The rock shelter will also be removed and the BBQ will be relocated into the steel shelter to free up more space for play.</p> <p>The draft plan is for a combination unit with monkey bars, two slides, an upper platform and a very popular and versatile bird's nest swing. The existing jungle gym will be kept, it will be dismantled, cleaned and re-powder coated and reinstated. A spring rocker will be installed along with astro-turf mounds for some greenery, these may also have integrated putting holes. All community feedback received will be responded to in due course.</p> <p>The location for the play space was selected due to its proximity to the toilets, BBQ and shelters and its likelihood of being used by the local community rather than passing traffic.</p> <p>Car parking at the location currently is very unstructured and improvements would be required to increase safety and capacity of the carpark.</p> <p>The project is still in its consultation phase, feedback from the community is important. Ideas and concerns will be considered as the final plans are developed.</p> <p>The project is expected to commence in June and be completed mid-July.</p> |
| 5. | <p>Information Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malone Park Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ City will assume Committee of Management for Malone Park on July 1 ➤ Works on cricket nets complete ➤ City paid for additional fencing to the trotting area to control horses ➤ Works on the netball courts approaching completion. Opening to be held on a Marong home game. • Organics collection: Information is provided on the Organics trial; please see the link to access further information from the City of Greater Bendigo website https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/Services/Rubbish_and_Recycling/Organics_collection. • Open Air Burning and Burning Off: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declared Fire Danger Period has been lifted as of 1.00am 4 April 2016. Local Law No 3 prohibits burning off of household and other wastes, and the use of backyard incinerators are all banned. You cannot burn any of the following in the open air: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ grass clippings ➤ mulch ➤ prunings ➤ leaves ➤ newspaper and cardboard Burning these materials causes air particles, which have an adverse effect on health, especially breathing difficulties like asthma. Properties greater than one hectare in size do not require a permit to light open air fires to reduce excess, dry, solid fuel for fire reduction purposes. On properties less than one hectare in size, a written permit is required before an open air fire is allowed (Local Law 3). If you are burning off, make sure that 10 litres of water or a working hose is readily available and that an adult is supervising the fire at all times. Outdoor fires should never be lit in high winds and are prohibited during a total fire ban. The fire must also be located five metres away from any building or boundary and a clear radius of three metres from any flammable material. |

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| | <p>If you have a property less than 1 hectare in size, you can no longer light an open air fire to burn dry, solid fuel without a written permit from the City of Greater Bendigo. There are no fees associated with the application for Open air burning form.</p> <p>Contact our Local Laws Unit on 5434 6333 for any further information.</p> <p>You are also required to advise VicFire of your burn off on 1800 668 511.</p> |
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6. GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

- Cr Chapman suggested that the community may want to start a Neighbourhood Watch due to the recent break-in's and thefts in the area.
- A resident suggested converting Malone Park to mobile home parking area to increase human presence at the site and deter would be thieves.
- A resident commented that the facilities at Malone Park have been audited and some are in poor condition, suggesting that there should be conversations with user groups and stakeholders to determine user group and community needs.
Residents were assured that the community and user groups will be involved in the consultation process to improve the facility.
- A resident requested enquired about road sealing criteria. Information provided by City of Greater Bendigo Transportation Engineer advised a road needs to exceed 150 vehicles per day (vpd) before it will be considered for sealing.
- A resident referred to the Marong Structure Plan and asked what would be done in the plan to help maintain the heritage buildings in the town. Will repairs be undertaken soon?
Cr Lyons advised that the Marong Shire Hall could be part of a renewal budget and that CoGB Building and Property Unit could look into what needs to be done with it.
- Community Grants are available to the community twice a year and if the community require any further information to contact the Grants Officer at the City of Greater Bendigo on 5434 6000 or use the below link to the website
<https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/Services/Community/Grants>
- Cr Chapman encouraged the community to approach her about any specific items so a budget submission can be developed.
- Resident raised concerns about the footpaths in Marong. Council's duty of care for the safety of these footpaths was questioned. The resident requested that the concerns be noted in the minutes.

The following requests for service were received. These have been logged and details are as follows.

| WORKS REQUEST REF NUMBER | WORKS REQUEST TYPE |
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| 1611730 | Request to include upgrades to entrance and exit to Malone Park in the Malone Park Masterplan. |
| 1611695 | Request to relocate the steel screens when they are removed from the BBQ shelter to the Marong Men's Shed. |
| 1611692 | Request to seal Cemetery Road, Marong |
| 1611660 | Request to Building & Property Unit to arrange meeting with interested community members to discuss the Marong Shire Hall maintenance. |
| 1611655 | Request to Telstra to reinstate pit site on High Street, Marong from recent works. |
| 1611650 | Request to conduct footpath inspection on the east side of High Street, Marong between Goldie Street and Torrens Street and action as appropriate. |
| 1611647 | Request to VicRoads to extend the 60km zone on the Highway past the snake bends on the West entrance to Marong. |

*For updates on the above requests please call CoGB Customer Support Unit on 5434 6000 or email requests@bendigo.vic.gov.au and quote the relevant works request ref number.